

Monday, March 22, 1999, the Sabine County Commissioners' Court met in regular session. The following members were present

Jack Leath	County Judge
Keith Clark	Commissioner Pct. #1
Lynn Smith	Commissioner Pct. #2
Doyle Dickerson	Commissioner Pct. #3
Gene Nethery	Commissioner Pct. #4
Janice McDaniel	County Clerk

Judge Leath called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and Bro. Howell led the Court in prayer.

Agenda item #1-General Business

Commissioner Nethery moved to approve the minutes for March 8 regular session of Court and March 11 special session of Court.

Judge Leath said the minutes for March 8, 1999, under item #18, reflects that a line item transfer was approved. That transfer has not been done yet.

Commissioner Dickerson moved to amend the motion by taking out the wording of the line item transfer under agenda item #18 for the March 8 meeting. Commissioner Clark seconded the amendment. All voted for the amended motion. Motion carried.

Agenda items #3-Discuss and Consider-Notices of Change to Public Officials Liability Coverage and agenda item #4-Discuss & Consider-Notice of Change to Law Enforcement Professional Liability Coverage

Judge Leath read portions of the changes. See attached copies. No action taken.

Agenda item #5-Discuss & Appoint-Judge & Commissioner Nethery to Sign a Note at First State Bank

Judge Leath said the loan was approved at the last Court meeting and this is just giving himself and Gene the authority to sign the note.

Commissioner Smith moved to give Court approval for the Judge and Gene to sign the note at First State Bank. Commissioner Dickerson seconded. All voted for. Motion carried.

Agenda item #6-Consider and Take Action on Additional Floor Work

Judge Leath said he asked Joe Bordeaux to give him a price on laying tile on the back stairs to the Courtroom and the foyer. The bid was \$2,300.00. He said this is one of the least used areas.

Judge Leath moved to not tile this area. Commissioner Smith seconded. All voted for. Motion carried.

Agenda item #7-Take Action on Termite Control Courthouse Grounds

Judge Leath said when the wall was taken out on the first floor they found live termites. This building has been treated a lot of times. He said he began to look for a solution. The White House in Washington, D.C. had the same problems as we do with termites. They have solved their problem with a substance called Sentricon, which eliminates the colonies from the area. This is a series of tubes that you put in the ground around the perimeter of your building. There is bait in it that attracts termites. It completely wipes out the colonies and not just the live termites that you see. He said he got this information from Steve Conn who has been doing out extermination work. Steve said the cost is \$194.00 for a case of 14 and we would need 2 cases. The replacement bait is \$83.00 for a case of 14 and we would need 2 cases. There will not be an installation or monitoring fee because he has not done this before and he wants to learn about it himself.

Commissioner Nethery moved to treat the grounds for termites and to try the Sentricon. Commissioner Dickerson seconded. All voted for. Motion carried.

Agenda item #8-Discuss & Take Action-On Accepting Roads in Dogwood Forest Estates For County Maintenance

Commissioner Smith said this item should have been Timberlane Estates. This is to be placed on the April 12 agenda.

Agenda item #9-Discuss and Take Action on Resolution Regarding Texas Water Supply

Judge Leath read the Resolution to the Court.

Judge Leath moved to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Clark seconded. All voted for. Motion carried. See attached copy.

Judge Leath said he has written to the Sabine River Authority asking them to do a study and make a recommendation to assure that Sabine County will have an adequate supply of water from Toledo Bend Reservoir from now on.

Agenda item #10-Discuss & Request Assistance From TXDOT for Intersection Hwy. 103 & 1592

Commissioner Nethery said he and Doyle have been asked by the local Constables to ask TXDOT to put a light at that intersection.

Judge Leath said he believes he has received information from TXDOT that it has been approved in their 1999 budget to put a light at that intersection. He said he would talk to Clark Slacum today and check the progress of it. If he is wrong, assuming the Court will authorize him to, he will contact TXDOT again and urge some kind of help there.

Commissioner Nethery said another one that is not on the agenda is highway 103 and 21. There is an accident there regularly. People believe they have the right-of-way turning left off of highway 21 onto 103, when actually the people traveling east on 21 have the right-of-way. This is because of the way the yield signs are set up. He would urge TXDOT to restudy that intersection.

Judge Leath said he would make a request in writing to TXDOT to do that.

Agenda item #11-Advertise for Bids-All Insurance Except Health

Commissioner Clark moved to advertise for RFP's for all insurance except health insurance. Commissioner Nethery seconded. All voted for. Motion carried. Insurance representatives will be asked to be present to give their proposals. Proposals will be accepted at the April 12 regular session of Court. See attached copy of notice.

Agenda item #12-Advertise for Bids-Paving Equipment

Commissioner Smith said he was watching the paving of Brookshire Bros. parking lot and got the idea of the County getting some paving equipment. He said he talked to the other Commissioners and it was agreed that maybe we could afford to purchase some equipment to put down hot mix with. It would require a lay down machine, a broom, an oil tank with a heater on it and a roller. The cost would be around \$60,000.00.

Commissioner Nethery said that we need a way to repair the streets in some of the subdivisions the County has accepted for County maintenance. We do not have anything now.

Commissioner Smith moved to advertise for RFP's for paving equipment to include a tank, roller, broom and a lay down machine. Commissioner Clark seconded. All voted for. Motion carried. RFP's will be accepted at the April 12 regular session of Court. Company representatives will be asked to be present for questions.

Agenda item #13-Take Action-Burke Center

Judge Leath said this is an agreement that we sign each year with the Burke Center.

Judge Leath moved to approve the agreement with the Burke Center. Commissioner Dickerson seconded. All voted for. Motion carried. See attached copy.

Agenda item #14-Open Bids for New Roof Courthouse Annex

Commissioner Smith said this needs to be placed on the agenda for the April 12 meeting.

Agenda item #15-Take Action-Local Emergency Planning Committee Members

Judge Leath said at this point we have Nat Willey, Bob Morgan, Bob Ehrhardt, and Randy Bailey. He said we need a recommendation from precinct 4.

Commissioner Nethery said he met with some people who have retired from Chemical plants and asked them to help him identify someone that has HASNET training. They told him they would, but he has not heard back from them yet.

Judge Leath said we would report the Committee incomplete at this time. We are still building it.

Back to agenda item #1-General Business

Agenda item #2-Reports

Commissioner Smith moved to accept the reports from the Treasurer and the County Clerk. Commissioner Clark seconded. All voted for. Motion carried.

Judge Leath told the Court the asking price for the property across from the Annex is \$66,500.00. The representative for the property owner said he would sell it to the County for \$60,000.00. He said he has gotten conflicting recommendations about whether the price is to high or reasonable.

The Court gave their consensus for the Judge to enter into negotiations to purchase the property across from the Annex with the purchase price not to exceed \$55,000.00.

Judge Leath asked the Court to think about the bids to advertise the County that will be opened soon. He said maybe we could create a job for an individual here to do the PR work. That would give a job to someone here in the County.

Court recessed at 9:20 a.m.

Court reconvened at 9:40 a.m.

Agenda item #16-Pay Accounts and Salaries

Judge Leath said a bill for travel expense to Beaumont for the Veterans Service Officer is to be included in the bills. It is for two hundred miles at .28 per mile.

Commissioner Smith said he is opposed to the \$20,000.00 expenditure for rock for precinct 4. He said he did not understand that we were going to be paying Big 4, Inc. for the rock before we got the rock. He said he knew he was going to pay us for the equipment with the understanding that we would buy \$20,000.00 worth of rock from him at \$6.00 a yard. We will be out the interest on this money for whatever period of time it takes to buy this rock. We cannot spend over \$10,000.00 without going out for bids without Court approval and with Court approval; you can only go up to \$15,000.00. He said he doesn't think we can legally write a check for anything in advance. We need bills and an invoice. To him this is more illegal than the previous offer to just swap.

Commissioner Nethery said we either take a lesser amount of money for the equipment or we have to accommodate some interest.

Judge Leath said that if Mr. McGee has to borrow the \$20,000.00, we will only get \$18,000.00 in rock because of the interest. He said it was his suggestion to just cut this out and get \$20,000.00 worth of rock and make the payment on a turn around basis.




Commissioner Nethery said Mr. McGee has already taken possession of the used equipment. Purchase orders of \$15,000.00 for precinct 4, \$5,000.00 for precinct 3 have already been done for the rock.

Judge Leath asked Commissioner Nethery to check 2 bills from the L Lady Truck Stop in the amount of \$15.04 each. The bills were for 16 gallons of gas. One was at 8:02 and the other was at 8:06 the same day. This bill or bills can be paid with an okay from Commissioner Nethery.

Commissioner Nethery said to hold the bill to Welch Rock.

Commissioner Clark moved to pay accounts and salaries with the exception of the bill to Welch Rock and pending Gene's approval for the bill or bills to the L Lady Truck Stop. Commissioner Dickerson seconded. All voted for. Motion carried.

Commissioner Nethery moved to adjourn. Commissioner Dickerson seconded. Meeting adjourned.

COUNTY JUDGE

COMMISSIONER PCT. #1

COMMISSIONER PCT. #2

Doyle Dickerson COMMISSIONER PCT. #3

W. Hutter COMMISSIONER PCT. #4

ATTEST:

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Sam D. Seale • Executive Director

January 27, 1999

Sabine County Commissioners' Court
c/o the Honorable Jack Leath
Sabine County Judge
P.O. Box 716
Hemphill, Texas 75948

Re: Notice of Change to your Public Officials Liability Coverage Document

Notice of Change to your Law Enforcement Professional Liability Coverage Document

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

Enclosed are sample copies of the new Public Officials Liability Coverage Document and the Law Enforcement Professional Liability Coverage Document which will be issued by the Pool for the new coverage year, at the expiration of your current coverage year. The new documents will replace the ones currently in use, upon your renewals effective April 29, 1999.

These changes have been made to make this coverage responsive to current competition and to provide improved coverage to Pool members. It is strongly recommended and urged that you review these documents thoroughly and make note of the differences between the new coverage documents and your existing coverage documents.

As examples, below are listed several noteworthy enhancements to the new Coverage Documents which will be of interest to you:

1. Changes to provide for Pool payment of claims expenses, including defense costs, *in addition* to liability limits (see PO & LE documents, parts I. B. 1., II. H. and III. A. and B.). Also clarifies end of defenses after Pool's aggregate responsibility to pay claims is over (see PO & LE documents, part I. B. 5.).
2. Changes to permit the tender of the Pool's liability limit to the member political subdivision (see PO & LE documents, parts I. B. 4. and III. A.).
3. Changes to further clarify payment of claims expenses, as well as damages, by a political subdivision within the political subdivision member's deductible(s), and to specify reimbursement by the political subdivision to the Pool of any claims expenses paid by the Pool which fall within the political subdivision's deductible(s) (see PO & LE documents, part III. C.).

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4. Addition of document language concerning no coverage for plaintiff attorneys' fees for lawsuits not seeking monetary damages or for otherwise uncovered actions (see PO document, part II. F. 5 and LE document, part II. H.).
5. Addition of document language concerning exclusion of pollution claims to include more examples of certain types of pollutants (see PO & LE documents, part IV. A. 5.).
6. Amends extended reporting provisions to offer added option to political subdivision of particular continued coverage when political subdivision member decides to cancel (see PO & LE documents, part VI, paragraph 1.).
7. The new Public Officials Liability document has replaced designation of "error, omission or negligent act" in extended reporting period provisions to use defined term "wrongful act" (see PO document, part VI, paragraph 1.).
8. The new Law Enforcement Liability document contains clarification that certain law enforcement department approved "moonlighting" does not mean exclusion from coverage for defined law enforcement activity (see LE document, part IV. B. 2.).
9. Punctuation changes from periods to semicolons in definition of "Damages" (see PO document, section II. F. 1 and 4.) and in Exclusions (see PO document, part IV. A. 1-7, and LE document, part IV. A. 1-6).

The above examples do not serve as any substitute representation of the actual coverage document language, which must be read thoroughly and carefully prior to purchase of coverage. The coverage document language, rather than any descriptions such as those above, will govern the terms and conditions of coverage.

Should you have any question, please feel free to call me at 1-800-456-5974.

Sincerely,



James W. Jean, ARM
Director, Self-Insurance Program Administration

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cc: Hon. Jack Leath, Pool Coordinator

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Subterranean termites were discovered in the west wing of the White House in February 1998, when termites swarmed just 30 feet from the Oval Office. The termites entered the White House through a small crack in the foundation and through an area with damaged wood. Though no major structural damage was found, damage was discovered under a window and in the baseboard where the termites had swarmed. Immediate action was needed to protect the structure from future termite damage.

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A local Authorized Operator installed the Sentricon® Termite Colony Elimination System at the White House to eliminate swarming termites and permanently protect the structure. The Sentricon System was installed in April 1998 with in-ground stations strategically placed around the entire perimeter of the structure. Recruit® AG bait devices, the aboveground component of the Sentricon System, are also being used in the areas inside the White House where the termite swarm was discovered.

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Termites actively fed on the Recruit AG bait devices inside the White House where the damage was found, and on Recruit II termite bait in the in-ground Sentricon stations in the front, back and side of the White House. The Sentricon stations will continue to be monitored to protect the White House from termites.

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RESOLUTION

STATE OF TEXAS

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COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF SABINE

OF SABINE COUNTY, TEXAS

BE IT REMEMBERED at a meeting of Commissioners Court of Sabine County, Texas, held on the 22 day of March, 1999, on motion made by Judge Leath County Judge, Commissioner of Precinct No. _____ and seconded by Keith Clark, Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Senate Bill 1 (75th Leg.), the Texas Water Development Board has appointed regional groups to develop plans to address long term water supply needs in Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the work of those groups is in progress and will serve as the foundation for a new state water plan; and

WHEREAS, Section 11.085(s) of the Texas Water Code provides that transfers of water from one river basin to another are junior to rights held by people in the basin of origin, providing much-needed protection during times of drought to ensure the water supply needs of the basin of origin are satisfied before transferring water to other areas; and

WHEREAS, even as the work of the regional water planning groups is underway, Senate Bill 143 and its companion House Bill , HB1645, have been introduced to repeal Section 11.085(s) of the Water Code, setting the stage to transfer water from one area of the state to another, even in times of drought and before the needs of the basin of origin have been met; and

WHEREAS, rather than eliminating safeguards that protect against transferring water from areas of the state which will be dependent on that water during times of drought, the Legislature should encourage and require areas forecasting long-term water shortages to develop new water supplies to serve those regions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners Court of Sabine County, Texas opposes passage of Senate Bill 143, its companion bill, House Bill 1645, or any other legislation that would eliminate protections like those found in Sec. 11.085(s) of the Texas Water Code, and calls upon members of the Legislature representing Sabine County to work in opposition to passage of those bills.

SIGNED this 22 day of March, 1999.

Judge Leath
County Judge

ATTEST: Janice McDaniel
County Clerk

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Carl R. Griffith, Jr.
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March 11, 1999

The Hon. Jack H. Leath, County Judge
and the Sabine County Commissioners Court
P.O. Box 716
Hemphill, Texas 75948

Dear Judge Leath and Commissioners,

If you've been keeping up with the Legislature this session, I'm sure you know that water is once again a major issue. One bill in particular threatens ~~to give big cities the ability to take water from other areas~~. Even in times of drought when the people living in that other area desperately need the water themselves. It's important that those of us from less populous areas work together through our legislators to protect ourselves and our water supplies.

Senate Bill 1, which passed during the 75th Legislature, set up a statewide water planning effort that is currently under way. Even before the regional groups have had an opportunity to develop the plans mandated by Senate Bill 1, one of the authors of that bill is trying to change things. Senate Bill 143 by Sen. Buster Brown (Lake Jackson) would repeal Sec. 11.085(a) of the Water Code, which reads:

Sec. 11.085. Interbasin Transfers.

(a) Any proposed transfer of all or a portion of a water right under this section is junior in priority to water rights granted before the time application for transfer is accepted for filing.

As it stands, any proposed transfer of water from one river basin to another is junior to the rights held by people in the basin of origin. Sen. Brown's bill would remove that protection. This would mean that, once a water right is sold, the buyer would have the absolute right to take that water regardless of the needs of the people living in the river basin of origin.

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Why is this a problem, you may ask. It's a problem because if someone in a big city decides you live in an area that has more water than they think you need, they can come in and make a deal with the river authority to buy water rights. You might be surprised to learn that many of the river authorities in Texas are headed by appointees from other areas of the state, people with no stake in the area where the river is located. In some cases, they may have an interest in paving the way for the transfers.

The big city probably won't need that water until there is a drought, but they'll buy the rights to it. And when a drought hits--just when your area needs the water the most--the big city will be able to come in and turn on the faucet, and there won't be anything you can do about it.

Whether you are dependent on surface water or ground water, the major cities are working overtime to create ways to get access to it. A number of counties have recognized that and are working to protect their water by creating groundwater conservation districts. Enclosed is a copy of a recent Wall Street Journal article on the topic.

This is not, as one state representative said, a battle between the big cities and East Texas. This bill will impact the entire state and legislators representing Jefferson County, Sen. David Bernsen and Reps. Allan Ritter and Joe Deshotel, are working with House Appropriations Chairman Rob Junell, who represents Coke, Irion, Mitchell, Sterling and Tom Green Counties in West Texas, to defeat the bill.


This shouldn't be a battle at all but, if it is, it's a fight against big cities trying to run over small towns. Instead of trying to find ways to take water from areas with less influence in the Legislature, the big cities should be working to develop new water supplies.

As long as they can pick us off one at a time, though, it will be easier and cheaper for them to take our water. That's why it is important that you urge your legislators in Austin to oppose Senate Bill 143 and its companion bill in the House, HB 1645, or any other legislation that would eliminate protections like those found in Sec. 11.085(s).

I've enclosed a draft resolution that I would urge you to pass, and then forward copies to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House and members of the Legislature representing your county. I'd also like to have a copy, if possible. Senate Bill 143 is liable to move through the Senate and on to the House very quickly, so I hope you will be able to take action as soon as possible.

If you would like to discuss this issue further, please contact me at 409-835-8466.

Sincerely,


Carl R. Griffith, Jr.
Jefferson County Judge

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1-1 AN ACT

1-2 relating to the priority of a water right authorizing a transfer of
1-3 water from a river basin in this state to another river basin.

1-4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-5 SECTION 1. Section 11.085(s), Water Code, is repealed.

1-6 SECTION 2. (a) This Act applies only to an application for
1-7 a water right, or an amendment to a permit, certified filing, or
1-8 certificate of adjudication, authorizing an interbasin transfer of
1-9 water that is accepted for filing on or after the effective date of
1-10 this Act.

1-11 (b) An application for a water right, or an amendment to a
1-12 permit, certified filing, or certificate of adjudication,
1-13 authorizing an interbasin transfer of water that is accepted for
1-14 filing before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law
1-15 in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and
1-16 the former law continues in effect for that purpose.

1-17 SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the
1-18 crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an
1-19 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the
1-20 constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several
1-21 days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended,
1-22 and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its
1-23 passage, and it is so enacted.

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Rural Counties Try to Guard Water By Creating More Special Districts

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By PATRICK BARTA

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
Rural Texas is out to even the score in the state's water wars.

In a rush to gain control of underground water resources within their boundaries, a slew of rural counties are organizing special groundwater-conservation districts. Already this legislative session, four areas have filed bills to create such districts, which must be approved by the Legislature and a vote by residents in the proposed district, and at least 18 other counties are considering formation of the districts.

Because the districts have the power to limit the amount of water that can be pumped within their boundaries, leaders in rural counties see them as a way to make sure that water-hungry cities—especially San Antonio, El Paso and Corpus Christi—can't pipe water from their region without officials' say-so.

"There's a genuine fear of large cities," says Mike Simmers, a spokesman for Sen. Kenneth Armbrister. The Victoria Democrat plans to file bills this session creating groundwater districts in Bastrop, Lee, Hays, Victoria and Jackson counties. "All these counties are thinking, we need to do this now, or someone will steal our water."

Rural counties' fears for the future of their water supplies intensified last year when San Antonio officials announced a multimillion-dollar deal to take up to nearly three billion gallons a year from lignite mines, owned by Pittsburgh-based Alcoa Inc., 130 miles away in Bastrop, Lee and Milam counties. Alcoa pumps the water out of the Carrizo-Wilcox aquifer to keep its mines from flooding, and San Antonio officials are trying to determine how to use the water, including possibly piping it back to San Antonio.

To most water experts, the spurt of interest in new conservation districts is welcome news. Because the vast majority of Texas' underground water is unregulated—anyone with a well can pump as much as he or she wants—lawmakers and state regulators believe most of the state's aquifers would benefit from more oversight. And they favor the local conservation districts over more state control.

But critics of the counties' efforts, including some of the large cities that will have to jostle with them over water use, complain that the proliferation of such districts will produce an unwieldy patchwork of water fiefdoms that will make statewide



water planning nearly impossible.

"The only purpose [of the districts] is to hoard the water, not to protect the aquifers," complains Roger Novak, an Austin water lawyer who represents Alcoa in its negotiations with San Antonio, as well as the city of Houston.

In rural Texas, however, counties say they're prepared to do whatever is necessary to fend off the threat of water raids by thirsty cities, even if the threat is distant.

Until this year, only 18 conservation districts had been created this decade, and there have been only 46 created since the first, the High Plains district based in Lubbock, started in 1951.

Already this year, bills have been filed to create districts in four counties—Brewster, Blanco, Briscoe and Robertson—and public notice has been posted to revive one in Presidio County that was formed several years ago but never voted on by residents. Macgregorches in East Texas, Bastrop near Austin, and Reeves in West Texas are among the counties considering districts.

Originally, the conservation districts were designed to respond to specific water problems, like a deteriorating aquifer.

They were first allowed in 1949, after legislators grew worried about the potential for water levels to drop in underground aquifers around the state, including in the Ogallala aquifer now covered by the High Plains district. Legislators declined local authorities needed some way to regulate the aquifers, since Texas' rule-of-capture law allows residents to pump up much as they want. (The law applies only to underground sources; water from "surface" sources, like rivers and lakes, is owned and regulated by the state.) Districts would be paid for either through local property taxes or fees from local water users.

The districts received an added boost from the blockbuster water-planning legislation Senate Bill 7, adopted in 1997, decreeing that local groundwater districts—rather than state- or court-ordered districts like the Edwards Aquifer Authority—are the preferred method of managing underground water resources.

Today, groundwater districts submit plans to the Texas Water Development Board outlining how they intend to prevent waste, and they monitor water levels and

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By MARY F

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
The Texas Supreme Court has ruled that mandatory arbitration is not a contract term, so neither how often consumers can sue.

In a decision last month, the court ruled for a San Jacinto County couple in a dispute with the installer of their air conditioning system. The court held that the company's alleged problems with the home's air conditioning system were not covered by a contract that required the couple to go to arbitration.

Consumer advocates say that mandatory arbitration is a way for companies to avoid court. They say, the deal is not a contract because consumers can't threaten to file suit; to spend more to initiate a lawsuit; and since as usually are settled within months, have less time for advocates say the high court's ruling along with an earlier ruling regarding a similar case in which the court ruled the agreements apparently seek to delay arbitration efforts.

"The Texas Supreme Court's lack of concern for the consumer is a real problem," says Richard Alderman, a consumer activist and professor at the Houston Law Center. "All this, you can go longer as protection under the law as one-sided?"

The use of arbitration as a feature in employment contracts is increasingly showing up in consumer agreements, consumer advocates say, including contracts for home, mobile homes, as well as extermination agreements require anyone to go to arbitration, when a dispute is hired to take evidence. The decision is final. And, typically, no right to appeal the outcome. Business like the

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Rural Counties Try to Guard Their Water

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conduct educational programs to promote conservation. More important, they have the power to enforce conservation policies. The districts can set minimum distances between wells, cap the amount that can be pumped from a well each day and limit outsiders from siphoning out too much water.

The power isn't unlimited, however. Restrictions can be challenged in court, and to prevail, water districts have to prove that the aquifer is in danger and that the limits are necessary to prevent waste.

So far, more than half the districts have actually used their power to limit water use. The High Plains district, for instance, requires a distance of 200 yards between most wells and limits pumping to 500 gallons a minute. In Glasscock County, wells must be 600 feet away from an adjoining property, to make it more difficult for one user to deplete neighbors of water.

Most of the counties now contemplating districts say they do intend to use their enforcement power.

In booming Bastrop and Lee counties in Central Texas, county leaders have drafted a water district that they submitted to legislators in February, in direct response to San Antonio's plans to buy water from the Alcoa mines. San Antonio officials say they have no plans to seek more water from the county. But Bastrop County officials say they intend to keep pumping limits, even though the Carrizo-Walton aquifer is considered one of the healthiest in the state, if San Antonio ever decides to use its position to drill its own wells. (A groundwater district would have no power to stop the Alcoa sale because the mines are regulated by the Texas Railroad Commission and exempt from local control.)

Bastrop County leaders scrapped similar district proposals twice in the 1970s for lack of public support; voters often oppose the districts because they usually mean an increase in local property taxes or water-use fees. But since the Alcoa purchase, persuading residents to climb on board has been "about as hard as handing out Bibles in church," says John Burks, general manager of Aqua Water Supply Corp., a small water supplier in Bastrop County.

Thirty Corpus Christi

In Victoria County, which is planning to submit a groundwater district proposal to the Legislature next week, the big worry is Corpus Christi. Last summer, Corpus Christi completed construction on a 104-mile pipeline to Lake Tuzana, 25 miles west of the city of Victoria. Corpus Christi leaders say that water is all they need for the next 20 years, but Victoria officials fear Corpus Christi will drill wells into the land under the pipeline, sucking water from the Gulf Coast aquifer, which stretches several hundred miles under Victoria and several dozen other Gulf Coast counties.

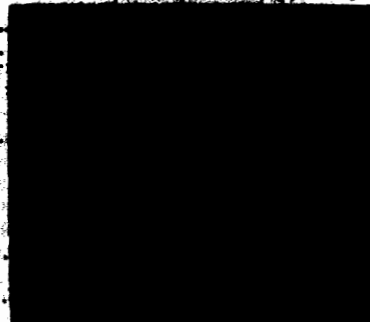
In days past, such a move might not have bothered locals. In the early 1970s, Victoria's city fathers were so sure they had plenty of water that they allowed state

permits to withdraw millions of gallons of water from the Guadalupe River to expire, because they weren't using the water and didn't want to pay to keep the rights.

All that has changed: a 1982 study showed that Victoria, which now gets all its water from the aquifer, is so rapidly depleting its reserves that the city itself would start choking within 20 years if the aquifer isn't recharged. In the mid-1980s, the city spent over \$20,000 in hydrological studies and legal fees to persuade the state to issue new permits for pumping from the Guadalupe to the city on the 20,000-acre-foot of water a year.

But that won't be enough if the aquifer remains vulnerable to a well from outside the county, says Victoria County Judge Helen Walker. "For this area to remain economically viable, we are going to have to protect our water sources" by means of a conservation district, she says.

Even in such dire circumstances, however, creating groundwater districts isn't easy. Local voters have passed on them before out of concerns over added taxes or unreasonable pumping restrictions. And some efforts have become mired in po-



litical opposition to local plans to regulate the districts' groundwater powers.

In Hays County, where county officials are organizing a district that could encompass as many as 20 local towns, county leaders are already at odds over who will serve on the district's board. According to draft legislation written by Hays County officials, the district would be governed by 15 board members, appointed by county commissioners in the counties participating in the district.

Critics of the plan say that won't work. J.C. Hagler, Hays County's city manager, says he is pushing letters this week to all 11 of the county's water purveyors, asking them to join an organization that will demand that the water commissioner, cities and industry be represented on the board, and possibly lobby to block creation of the district if the demand isn't met.

And some people, including representatives from a local power plant owned by Dominion Inc. of Richmond, question the need for the district at all, because of its potential cost and the long reach of water. The nearest potential impurities of water are Houston and Beaumont, more than 100 miles away, and both are considered

among the state's most water-rich cities.

Jimmy Daniels, a Nacogdoches County commissioner and primary architect of the plan, says he is willing to change the legislation to include city officials, but he insists the district must preserve its right to restrict pumping. "We're very water-rich, and we want to ensure it's not taken away from us because of bad planning," he says.

County vs. County

Meanwhile, criticism of the very notion of water districts persists in some circles. Some academics and water lawyers question whether it's wise to divvy up control of giant underground aquifers—which know no political boundary—among a handful or more political subdivisions.

The drafters of Senate Bill 1 envisioned that small towns, big cities and big industries would work together to plan for the state's future water needs. Under the law, the Water Development Board divided Texas into 15 regions, and each is required to draft water-use plans by Sept. 1, 1991, that will identify water needs and how they'll be met for the next 50 years.

But critics say the patchwork of local districts could hurt statewide planning.

In one possible scenario, a single-county district could allow farmers to pump as much water as they want, undercutting a neighboring county's efforts to prevent aquifer depletion through well controls. Though it hasn't been a problem in aquifers covered by multiple districts, some experts worry that problems could emerge as supplies become more strained.

"You have the danger of pitting county against county," says Ron Kaiser, a water lawyer and professor at Texas A&M University in College Station. "Senate Bill 1 was supposed to bring people together, but what I see now is just people trying to anchor their positions, to give them more to bargain with in the future."

And indeed, there are already signs that counties with groundwater districts are going to lock horns with cities. Several months ago, the six-year-old Jeff Davis County conservation district, which currently has no limits on pumping, considered charging anyone who takes water out of the district a fee of up to \$25 an acre-foot.

That didn't sit too well with El Paso, which owns 25,000 acres of land in Jeff Davis and Franklin counties where it wants to drill wells if it ever runs out of water. The city could ultimately pump as much as 20,000 acre-foot of water a year there, officials say, costing \$1.75 million a year if the \$25 fee were imposed. In the end, Jeff Davis leaders decided to postpone a decision on the new fees indefinitely. But El Paso officials are still worried.

"Local control is fine," says Ed Archuleta, general manager of El Paso Water Utilities. "But local control that encourages the proliferation of groundwater districts, each with their own territorial rights and feeling that this is our water—even though no one has changed right capture—this concerns us."

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QUALIFIED SERVICE ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT

This Qualified Services Organization Agreement is entered into by and between Sabine County Judge Jack Leath and Burke Center Substance Abuse Services.

Burke Center Substance Abuse Services provides a continuum of care in substance abuse services.

Sabine County Judge Jack Leath agrees to provide the facilitation of the chemical dependency Civil Court Commitment cases and make referrals to other Burke Center Substance Abuse Programs as necessary.

THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, both parties mutually agree to:

1. Acknowledge that in order to execute this agreement, both parties must have direct access to the client and/or client information.
2. Acknowledge that in receiving, storing, processing, or otherwise dealing with any information about the client, both parties are fully bound by the provisions of the federal regulations governing Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Client Records, 42 C.F.R. Part 2, and Texas Health and Safety Code Chapters 81 and 85, as amended, and applicable Board of Health Rules.
3. Undertake to resist in judicial proceedings any effort to obtain access to information pertaining to clients otherwise than as expressly provided for in the federal confidentiality regulations, 42 C.F.R. Part 2, and Texas Health and Safety Code Chapters 81 and 85, amended, and applicable Board of Health Rules.

Executed this 22 day of March 1999.

Jack Leath

 Judge Jack Leath
 Sabine County Court At Law
 P. O. Box 716
 Hemphill, Texas 75948
 (409) 787-3543
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Judge Jack Leath
Sabine County Court At Law
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Dear Judge Leath:

Following you will find a Qualified Service Organization Agreement that is the same as our agreements in the past. We will be using this agreement for the grant we are currently applying for, as well as grants we may apply for in the future.

As always, your continued interactions with our program is greatly appreciated. Please sign and return by fax as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Trudy Richerson
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Trudy Richerson
Program Director

*Take action on Agreement
with Burke Center*

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Sabine County shall accept requests for proposals from qualified vendors for their insurance requirements covering general liability, public officials liability, law enforcement, auto liability, property, and auto physical damage.

Representatives of insurance companies are asked to present their proposals at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 12, 1990.

Specific information regarding current coverage may be obtained through County Judge Jack H. Leath's office, phone 409-787-3643.

Order of importance of consideration will be cost, coverage, service, and financial security of the insurer.

Sabine County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.
(3/24-S1,2ic)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Sabine County Commissioners' Court is requesting proposals for the purchase of road paving equipment, including:

- Lay down machine;
- Roller;
- Broom;
- Oil tanker with heater on trailer.

For further information, vendors may contact the county judge's office at 409-787-9843 or members of the court.

Proposals should be submitted by 8:30 a.m. on Monday, April 12, 1999 and will be acted upon during a regular session of the Commissioners' Court at that time. Vendors making proposals should have representatives available at court at that time.

Sabine County Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.
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(COTS)		27TH ANNUAL CO TREASURES' SEMI (409)845-7692				
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1469 03-17-99

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1463 03-02-99 8052

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(SCSD)			SABINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT. (409)/87-2266					
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(TARE)				TAMMY REEVES				
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802	03-17-99		BIG "4", INC. 000156	APP. 833 YDS ROAD BASE 6377.603	-2		A	5000.00
803	03-12-99		000157	APP 2500 YDS ROAD BASE 6377.604	-7		A	15000.00
Vendor Total								\$20000.00

(CRCO)			CASE CREDIT CORPORATION 00003 000147	(800)504-5711 LOAN PAYOFF ACCIR 0135243			A	
806	03-15-99			6653.604	-4			13214.07
Vendor Total								\$13214.07

(DJGR)			D. J. 'S GROCERY					
794	06-11-98		11545	3 - BRAKE FLUID 6342.603	-281		A	4.13
795	08-05-98		12056	GLOVES 6657.603	-226		A	13.62
796	08-06-98		12077	ICE 6657.603	-225		A	1.00
797	08-15-98		12203	ICE 6657.603	-216		A	1.00
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(DONS)			DON'S AUTO SALVAGE & OILFIELD (409)584-2131					
814	03-16-99		2786 000152	3 - REFLECTORS 6355.603	-3		A	2.55
815	03-16-99		2786 000152	3 - CLEARANCE LIGHTS 6355.603	-3		A	7.74
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(ETAC)				(409)639-2215				
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				6378.604	-18			319.93
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(GEOB)				(800)594-2200				
810	03-09-99	01022422	000131	10 - 7" CUTTING EDGE			A	
				6356.604	-10			245.00
811	03-09-99	01022422	000131	25 - PLUG BOLTS			A	
				6356.604	-10			18.25
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				6356.601	-2			401.17
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(GMWS)								
790	03-03-99	1262		WATER BILL			A	
				6440.602	-16			20.10
Vendor Total								\$20.10
(GTEM)								
777	03-07-99	383-9937		MOBILE PHONE BILL			A	
				6420.601	-12			5.91
Vendor Total								\$5.91
(HAIN)				(903)758-0959				
787	03-05-99	81984389	000148	LYNN SMITH CONFIRM			A	
				6655.602	-14			200.01
Vendor Total								\$200.01
(HPTS)				(409)787-2005				
791	02-28-99			BALANCE ON ACCOUNT			A	
				6365.602	-19			91.01

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(HPTS)				(409)/87-2005 (Continued)				
800	02-28-99	HEMPHILL FIRE STORE 58653		1 - MOUNT			A	
				6366.603	-19			30.00
801	02-28-99	58653		1 - ROAD SERVICE			A	
				6366.603	-19			35.00
Vendor Total								<u>\$156.01</u>
(NETC)				REGISTRATION ANNUAL CONFEREN A				
786	03-05-99	N&E TX CO JUDGES & COMM ASSOC. 000149		6654.602	-14			130.00
Vendor Total								<u>\$130.00</u>
(SIWO)				(800)574-4111				
788	02-26-99	SIGN WORLD 01782 000110		6 - 18X24 SIGNS @ 19.95			A	
				6657.602	-21			119.70
789	02-26-99	01782 000110		FREIGHT			A	
				6657.602	-21			11.90
Vendor Total								<u>\$131.60</u>
(TACO)				POST LEGISLATIVE CONF. REGIS A				
784	03-10-99	TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES 10617 000154		6654.602	-9			175.00
785	03-10-99	10617 000154		GUEST REGISTRATION			A	
				6654.602	-9			25.00
Vendor Total								<u>\$200.00</u>
(TSCC)				TEXAS STEEL CULVERT CO., INC. (817)265-2255				
778	03-12-99	201925 000117		2 - 12DIA 16GA 24' SPIRAL			A	
				6370.601	-7			220.80
779	03-12-99	201925 000117		2 - 15DIA 16GA 24' SPIRAL			A	
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				6371.602	-7			560.00
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				6371.602	-7			690.00
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				6371.602	-7			39.00
783	03-12-99	201929 000118		2 - 18DIA SNUGGER BAND			A	
				6371.602	-7			24.80
792	03-12-99	201284 000076		1 - 60DIA 12GA 30' SPIRAL			A	
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(TSCC)				TEXAS STEEL CULVERT CO., INC. (81/)	265-2255	(Continued)		
807	03-03-99	201574	000090	4 - 12DIA 16GA 20' SPIRAL	6370.604	-16	A	368.00
808	03-03-99	201574	000090	1 - 15DIA 16GA 40' SPIRAL	6370.604	-16	A	224.00
809	03-03-99	201574	000090	2 - 15DIA 16GA 30' SPIRAL	6370.604	-16	A	336.00
Vendor Total								\$3851.90
(WERO)				WELSH ROCK, INC. (409)	275-5460			
793	03-01-99	10414	000075	ROAD BASE	6377.603	-18	A	3312.00
813	03-03-99	10418	000126	3379 YDS ROAD BASE	6377.604	-16	A	10137.00
Vendor Total								\$13449.00
Total Debits								52981.25
Total Credits								0.00
Total Of Ledger								\$52981.25

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(HPTS) 47		02-28-99	59125	HEMPHILL TIRE STORE 2 - MOUNTS 605.645	-19		A	50.00
Vendor Total								\$50.00
Total Debits								50.00
Total Credits								0.00
Total Of Ledger								\$50.00

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(FNBC)		FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN CAMERON						
6	03-17-99	M410AA		PAYMENT R54 OF 60	775.645	-2	A	1000.00

Vendor Total \$1000.00

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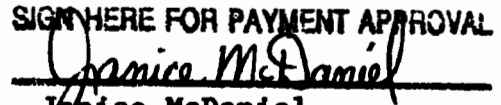
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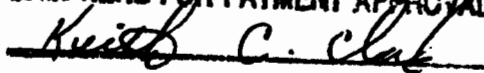
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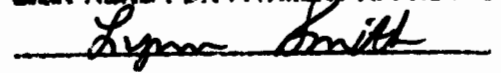
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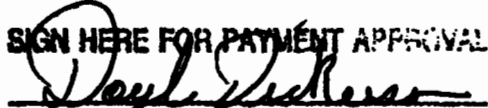
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(CAGR)		CAPITAL GRAPHICS		(800)769-2030		
171	02-26-99	9900209		HARDWARE RELOCATION	A	
				6300.6	-21	390.00
				Vendor total		\$390.00
				Total Debits		390.00
				Total Credits		0.00
				Total Of Ledger		\$390.00

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